

A VISION.

A lovely being sweet and fair,
Lips parted as in blessing,
A bright'ning halo round her hair,
Hands outstretched for caressing;
And night by night her glad wise eyes
Forebode their nearer glory,
With glimpse and gleam of paradise,
And grand prophetic story.
But morn by morn I wake to find
The old uplifted sorrow,
And just as far away, the kind
Dear vision, called To-morrow.
—Scribner for February.

LOCAL NEWS.

PICK-UPS.

Lead mining in Morgan county reported more flattering than ever.

The Versailles Gazette is urging the completion of their railroad to Tipton.

The Warrensburg Dramatic Company donates the proceeds of its entertainments to the relief of the poor.

The prosecution against James Whitehouse on the charge of being one of the Muncie train robbers has been dismissed.

The police commissioners were commissioned yesterday. Their commissions will date from the 2nd of February.

A son of Thomas Inles, near Chanoids, was recently killed by the falling of a limb of a tree he was felling.

Senator McGinnis is reaching in the right direction for information concerning the prison management when he calls for the Warden's report.

A corrected list of the House standing committees on our fourth page, since changes yesterday.

Hon. Waldo P. Johnson, of St. Clair county, has received and accepted the nomination for delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

The game law provides that prairie chickens and quails shall not be killed after February 1st, and turkeys after the 1st of April. Hunters will take notice.

A nimble-fingered heathen is stealing wood from John Hannay's wood-pile at the Gazette office. That enormous wood-pile of his—all for subscriptions to the Gazette. Just to think that he misses it.

The little candy vendors who have been making the rotunda of the Capitol resound with the notes of their traffic, are not to be allowed to pollute the sacred presence of the members any longer, and are to be scourged from the Capitol.

The Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction are, by virtue of their offices, members of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln Institute. Governor Hardin was elected President and Doctor Shannon Vice President of the Board—a correction of our former notice.

We were misinformed in regard to the appointment of Hon. N. M. Bell Clerk to the Penitentiary Committee. The person really appointed was Samuel Noland, a very intimate friend of Mr. Bell's. We will add that Mr. Bell is not an office holder, and could not be induced to be under any circumstances.

The Democratic Convention of the 28th Senatorial district nominated on Wednesday for members of the Constitutional Convention Wash. Adams, of Cooper, and James P. Ross of Versailles.

The new Adjutant General under Gov. Hardin is Geo. C. Bingham. Mr. Bingham is an honest man, and a chronic fault finder. He will demonstrate the uselessness of the office in three months. Good-bye claim boosters.

The appointment by Governor Hardin, yesterday, of Hon. Geo. C. Bingham, the celebrated artist of Kansas City to the position of Adjutant General, was as complete a surprise as ever overtaken an army of office seekers. It is said that it was thoroughly demoralizing in some quarters. But we hope not.

We learn that Senator Belch was suddenly called to O-sage City yesterday to investigate a case of malicious mischief to the stock of his farm down there. Some time since some one shot and killed a horse for him. Now two mules have been killed. What it means is inexplicable.

St. Louis Police Commissioners.

Mr. John G. Priest, the newly appointed police Commissioner, is a real estate man, and has been a resident of St. Louis some thirty years. He is quite wealthy, a shrewd business man, but popular with but few, and having little sympathy with the masses of the people. His intimates are numbered among the Jacoby-cut-sugar brigade, and his appointment may be regarded as a tub to the Republican whale. His ambition for twenty years has been for office of honor rather than emolument, and latter he has been President of the Mullanphy Relief Board, of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge and connected with various financial institutions. He may be regarded as a tolerable man for the place.

Dr. J. C. Neldt, the other appointee, is a rising physician of the city, a man of rare intelligence and energy, and of unexceptionable character. He was a Confederate surgeon, and, prior to the Louisiana extreme it, one of those liberal men who conceded that the war was ended. He will make a good Commissioner.

Our Railroad.

Editor Journal:

Allow me a few suggestions regarding the new proposition of Wiley & Co. It is apparent from it, that Wiley & Co. either have not, or are not willing to spend, the money necessary to complete the road as proposed.

The proposition to issue 300,000 dollars of paid up stock, and 200,000 dollars of first mortgage bonds at the time of signing the contract, can mean nothing else than that they propose to raise the funds to build the road out of the assets thus created. The issuing of 300,000 dollars paid up stock will completely take the control of the road out of the hands of the people of Cole county, because that amount of stock will control the election of the board. The placing of these securities (stock and first mortgage bonds) in the hands of a trustee is one of the ways in which many of the counties in our State have been defrauded, and while this is not necessarily the case here, it is a matter to be handled very cautiously.

The new proposition to make it a narrow gauge road with 30 pounds of iron to the yard, is one of even greater interest, for a road, narrow or wide, with 30 pound iron to the mile would be worthless when furnished, but surely so in a few years. The agreement to run it five years does not militate against this, for there is no security offered to comply with this part of the proposition, nor are rates of any kind specified.

The new condition that the railroad company is to acquire the right of way through the county and pay for it, is no small item, as may be inferred from the negative vote of Moreau township. Are these "teams, wagons, harness, tents" and other property of the company? These suggestions are made for the consideration of our citizens. The new proposition of Wiley & Co. differs so essentially from the one heretofore given out to the people that it would seem that an explanation of the vast changes should be made.

Why does Wiley & Co., beside the 80,000 dollars city and township bonds, ask 300,000 dollars of paid up stock and 200,000 dollars of first mortgage bonds to be issued by the Board of Directors at the time of signing the contract? In order to answer this question let us see what will be the cost of finishing the road as proposed by Wiley & Co.: To complete the bridging and grading, \$20,000—a high estimate; 22,000 ties at 30 cents, \$15,000; 104 tons of iron at 30 pounds to the mile, 2,080 tons, at \$30 per \$62,400; engines and cars, \$30,000; station houses, tanks, etc., \$10,000, making in all \$138,000. \$80,000 of bonds at 85 cents, would give \$68,000 cash, leaving a deficiency of \$70,000. Are the \$200,000 first mortgage bonds necessary to cover this deficiency, or are they intended to raise the whole amount to complete the road? If they sell for any thing they are certainly worth the \$138,000, or whatever will be required to finish the road.

Allusion has already been made to the fact that the issuing of the \$300,000 of paid up stock delivers over the control of the road to the holders of it, but the issuing of \$200,000 of first mortgage bonds may bring about a complete change of ownership in case of failure to pay interest or bonds when due. What would then become of the mere naked promise of Wiley & Co. to operate the road for five years? These matters should be fully considered before making any contract and agreeing to deliver up so valuable a property as the present depot ground. While no doubt all these matters will be properly attended to it will be well for those charged with the important duty to let the community know what is about to be done. The publication of Wiley & Co.'s new proposition was proper, and no doubt intended to cause examination such as given. TAX-PAYERS.

The Stay Law.

The following is the full text of the bill passed by the House yesterday, extending the time for the payment of taxes without the penalties as now imposed by law:

An act concerning the collection of the revenue for the year 1874, and relieving from the penalties now imposed by law for the non-payment of taxes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. The penalty of five per cent, for the month of January, and of ten per cent, for the month of February, as now imposed by law, to be levied and collected by the several sheriffs and collectors of this state, on all taxes not paid before the first day of January, and February respectively, of each year, be and the same is hereby suspended until the first day of May, 1875, shall be collected without the penalty aforesaid: Provided, That the person so paying said taxes after the first day of January, 1875, and on or before the first day of May, 1875, shall pay to the said sheriff or collector, in addition to the amount of said taxes, interest on said amount at the rate of ten per centum per annum; said interest to be collected in the same manner as provided for the collection of said taxes; and on taxes collected in the month of May, 1875, a penalty of five per cent, shall be collected, but no other penalty than said five per cent, shall be collected on taxes paid said month; and on all taxes collected in the month of June, 1875, a penalty of ten per cent, shall be collected, but on all taxes so paid in said month of June, 1875, no other penalty than the said ten per cent, shall be collected, any law or act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. The time at which the collectors of the revenue are required by law to return the delinquent lists in all counties except St. Louis county, and the uncollected tax bills in St. Louis county, and to settle their respective accounts for moneys received by them on account of taxes and other sources of revenue for the year 1874, be and the same is hereby extended from the third Monday in January, 1875, to the third Monday in May, 1875; but the provisions of this act shall not be construed to authorize any collector to hold any moneys collected by him for a longer period than is now fixed by law in which for him to pay over the same to the state or county treasurer, or other officer authorized to receive the same; and if any collector shall fail to pay over any such money at the time or times now designated, he shall be liable for such failure to all the penalties now fixed by law, to be enforced in the manner now provided by law for such cases.

SEC. 3. The collector in each county in this state shall file in the office of the county clerk on the first Monday in February, March and April, 1875, an exhibit, verified by his affidavit, showing the amount of state revenue and state interest funds remaining in his hands, and shall pay the same into the state treasury within ten days thereafter. The county clerk shall forthwith transmit to the State Auditor a certified copy of such exhibit, who shall charge the collector therewith, and may cause said amount in the hands of such collector to be paid within ten days by distress warrant.

SEC. 4. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

A CHRISTMAS RHYME.

BY TRUNA FAY.

Three busy, bright heads have bothered me so,
This day before Christmas, I scarcely know
Whether I'm taking a trip to the moon,
Or listening to voices that fill the room.
"Mamma, will Santa Claus be sure to come?"
"Want him to bring me a top and a drum?"
"How many miles has he traveled to-day?"
"Think mamma dear he can be far away?"
It is evening now—the candles are lit—
And so by the bright, glowing fire I sit.
How pleasant to wander with Memory dear,
To the days of my childhood's Christmas cheer.
But sorry a time has my reverie!
'Tis put to flight by the voices three,
That in doubtful concert chime to me,
The merriest tales of childhood glee!
So queer and many the questions they've asked,
Methinks the head of a sage would be tasked,
The many and varied answers, to tell
Each little questioner, wisely and well.
When an hour ago, the door of the hall
I locked, as usual, dear little Paul,
The youngest, said with reproach on his face,
And with me that an injured prince might grace,
"Mamma, you've gone and locked Santa Claus out!"

Now he'll get angry—and not come about!"
But when I told him that Santa Claus' keys
Never failed to unlock such doors as these,
It brought back the smile to his face again,
Like sunshine after an April rain;
And dancing, the round of the room he made;
Then his curly head in my lap he laid.
But imagine the wonder and surprise,
That crept in his questioning, upturned eyes,
When I told him, all doors those keys had art
To open, except the doors of a selfish heart!
It was Greek to him, and I had to tell,
That people who love little children well—
Love Santa Claus too, and well you may know,
That where he is loved he is sure to go!
Then the other children gathered around,
And by some magical spell seemed bound,
As I gaily recounted, o'er and o'er,
Bright scenes from the Christmas days of yore.
But ere my story was half way through,
I found they'd grown sleepy, and I had too;
But a few things more, while I have the time,
Must I tell to you in my Christmas rhyme;
How the stockings were hung up all in a row;
With Kate's at the top and Ned's just below;
While Paul's at the bottom, was pinned so well,
No trouble old Santa Claus would have to tell.
At last they're asleep in their cosy bed;
I may count in a row each shining head;
And my heart, while I fondly gaze, in prayer,
Goes out for the nestlings that slumber there.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS!

General Cockerell Nominated for United States Senate on the First Ballot!

[From the Daily Journal of the 17th.]

The caucus met at 7-1-2 o'clock last evening. It was apparently the design of Hutchins to break it up, and as a preliminary step, in order that it might not reach the public, the reporters of the opposition press were excluded from the hall. But he had counted without his host, and Cockerell was elected on the first ballot. It stood as follows:

For Cockerell.....	83
" Phelps.....	25
" Reynolds.....	9
" Norton.....	3
" Shields.....	1

One thing may be said of Cockerell's canvass, which is to his credit. It was not disgraced by the demoralizing influences of a free bar.

Supreme Court Notes.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14.

F. E. Savage enrolled an Attorney of the Court.

State vs Rowland. Certiorari ordered. Charles Marquis et al, vs Asbury Clark, resp. Motion to affirm.

John Brooks vs G. S. Duckworth, p e Submitted on brief.

J. M. Seay, admr. vs S. C. Hopkins, et al. Submitted on brief.

State vs O. B. Reed. Certiorari.

J. L. McCraw vs L. J. Hubbell, admr. Certiorari.

State vs Wm. M. Cook. Submitted on brief.

W. J. Terrell vs Lewis Dixon. Same. B. Adams vs W. B. Boshert, et al. Same. Schulenburg and Boechler vs Thos. D. Evans. Same.

Simmons, Garth & Co., vs M. Carrier. Same.

Frank S. Gobar vs M. Carrier. Appeal dismissed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.

Sarah E. Martin in error, vs. Thomas Gaff, defendant in error. Continued.

Francis Boyer, respondent, vs. B. Donnelly et al, appellants. Argued and submitted.

The following cases were submitted on brief for final decision: Robert A. Black, plaintiff in error, vs. Joseph Gregg et al, defendants in error; J. K. Cravens, respondent, vs. W. C. Jameson, appellant; G. H. Conover, et al, appellants, vs. W. J. Berdine, respondent; J. M. Rogers vs. W. A. Gosnell; J. M. Wells vs. J. Halpen; J. Hambright, d. c., vs. C. G. Brockman et al, plaintiffs in error; Amanda E. Gaines vs. Horace Allen.

Phillip H. Keck, plaintiff in error, vs. H. Swindler. Writ dismissed.

County Republican Central Committee.

At the request of friends we republish the names of the gentlemen composing the County Republican Central Committee.

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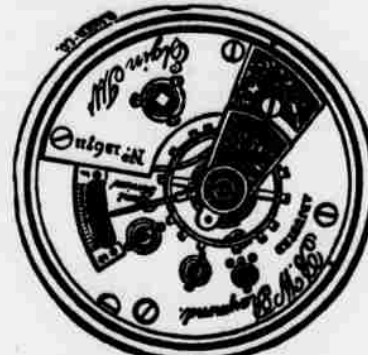
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